

Grant Grove Ranger Programs

June 30 – July 7, 2014

National Park Service
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Sequoia and Kings Canyon
National Parks



Monday, June 30th

8:00 PM Twilight Walk

Tuesday, July 1st

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

Wednesday, July 2nd

9:30 AM Ranger in the Grove

2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

7:30 PM Family Campfire

Thursday, July 3rd

9:30 AM Ranger in the Grove

1:30 PM Saunter through the Sequoia's

Friday, July 4th

9:30 AM Fridays for Families

10:00 AM Big Tree Talk

1:00 PM Bird Watching

2:00 PM Whispers from Big Stump

8:00 PM Evening Program

Saturday, July 5th

9:00 AM Family Birding

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

1:00 PM Ranger in the Grove

8:00 PM Evening Program:

Adaptations of Mammals in the Sierra Nevada

9:00 PM Flashlight Hike

Sunday, July 6th

10:00 AM Back to Basics

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2:00 & 3:00 PM Big Tree Talk

8:00 PM Evening Program:

Bears All Around

Monday, July 7th

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

8:00 PM Evening Program:

The Predator Dilemma

Program Descriptions

Back to Basics: *Wilderness Skills.* Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Learn valuable backpacking skills for ease and safety in our Wilderness with the help of a Sequoia naturalist. (SFI) 45 minutes

Big Tree Talk: Meet a ranger at the base of the General Grant Tree to find out what it takes to be one of the largest trees on earth. (NPS) 20 minutes

Bird Watching: Meet at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to discover the various kinds of birds in the Sierra Nevada. Binoculars provided. (NPS) ½ mile walk, 1 hour

Evening Program: Join a ranger at the Sunset Campground Amphitheater for a talk, slide show, or film about the people, places and things that make Kings Canyon National Park so special. *Come 15 minutes early if turning in a completed Junior Ranger booklet.* (NPS) 1 hour.

Family Campfire: Meet at the John Muir Lodge. Meet a Sequoia naturalist for an hour of stories behind the scenes of our National Park. Dress warmly. Feel free to bring fixings for S'Mores. (SFI) 1 hour

Family Birding: Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Learn to spot and recognize birds in the Sierra. Binoculars provided. 1.5 hours, 1 mile

Flashlight Hike: Join a Sequoia Naturalist to explore the world of nocturnal creatures. Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. (SFI) 1 hour

Fridays for Families: Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Join a Sequoia Naturalist to learn their tricks for spotting wildlife, how to distinguish conifers of the Sierra Nevada, and gain other insights and skills.

(SFI) 1 hour

Grant Tree Walk: This easy walk through the sequoia grove is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Learn about the giant sequoias and why people have been coming to Grant Grove for centuries. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot. (NPS) 1 hour, ½ mile.

Ranger in the Grove: How big? How old? What happens in a fire? Look for a ranger or volunteer naturalist along the Grant Tree Trail to have your giant sequoia questions answered. *Informal, ongoing, 1 ½ hours.*

Saunter through the Sequoia's: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk beside one of America's great conservationists? Here's your chance! Meet at the Grant Tree Trailhead. (NPS) 1.5 miles, 2 hours

Twilight Walk: As we wind down our day, there are many critters that are just waking up. Discover a new world on a Twilight Walk. Meet at the Sunset Amphitheater. 1 mile, 1 hour

Whispers from Big Stump: Join a Ranger on a journey through the Big Stump Basin to learn about a vital and little-known chapter of California history. Meet at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center before driving to the trailhead. (NPS) 1 ½ hours, 1 mile, Moderate

NPS-National Park Service Ranger

SFI- Sequoia Field Institute Naturalist, a branch of Sequoia Natural History Association